



Great Basin

Fire Program Analysis (FPA)

Committee Charter

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I. Purpose

The Fire Program Analysis (FPA) system supports analysis of alternative organizations and strategies on an appropriate interagency landscape scale to achieve fire management objectives in a cost effective manner. The Fire Program Analysis system must be developed and implemented through a coordinated interagency effort in order to achieve an optimal level of program effectiveness. In order to meet the needs of the federal wildland fire program provided by federal policy guidance as well as Congressional and executive direction (references may be found at <http://fpa.nifc.gov>), the five federal wildland fire agencies will start implementing FPA by October 1, 2004.

The purpose of this charter is to identify how the wildland fire agencies in the Great Basin will organize themselves for successful implementation of FPA. This charter establishes the understanding that each agency agrees to serve as a participant in the implementation of the FPA system by developing and enhancing working relationships to promote a coordinated interagency effort.

II. Scope of Action

The scope of the Great Basin FPA Committee (GB FPAC) is to provide advice, monitoring and assistance to field units in the interagency implementation of FPA. FPA is an interagency analysis that includes an aggregation of all lands being considered in the analysis called a Fire Planning Unit (FPU).

Interagency FPUs have been identified in the Great Basin and are listed in the GB FPAC Annual Operating Plan (AOP). Contact information for the lead in each FPU can also be found in the GB FPAC AOP.

III. Membership and Organization

The GB FPAC will consist of a core group comprised of representatives from each agency within the Great Basin. However if a GB agency has neither land administered nor budgeted resources owned by units under their office included in a GB FPU, then they will not be part of the GB FPAC, but would be represented on a FPAC in another geographic area. GB FPAC members are typically the fire planning representative at the State or Regional office level. Additional people may attend committee meetings as needed to accomplish certain tasks, however only official members are allowed to vote on issues.

The Chair and Vice-Chair will be chosen by the committee members and approved by the Great Basin Coordinating Group (GBCG). The Chair may rotate on an annual basis based on individual circumstances. There will be an agency rotation for Chair and Vice-Chair so that the same agency does not occupy both seats simultaneously. Different committee members may take the lead on individual tasks or projects, which will be determined on an as-needed basis.

Agency membership of the GB FPAC as well as names and contact information for members can be found in the GB FPAC Annual Operating Plan.

Subject matter specialists may be requested periodically to participate with the committee. They would serve as advisors providing input on specialty subjects and assignments to benefit all the FPU's within Great Basin. Examples are GIS support, training, aviation, etc.

IV. Responsibilities

The Great Basin Coordinating Group's primary responsibility is to provide assistance and monitoring of FPA implementation for all agencies consistently and fairly. Issues, problems, and concerns raised by FPUs may be brought to the GBCG for elevation to the appropriate national level representatives (FPA and/or agency fire management).

Line Officers at the various levels, from the FPU to the state/regional level to the national level, are ultimately responsible for dispute resolution among partnering agencies. If any FPU runs into a dispute among the partner agencies that cannot be resolved by the FPU level line officer, then that dispute is elevated by the FPU through the affected agencies line officers for resolution. However, where possible the GB FPAC will facilitate this process working with the agencies to resolve the conflict.

The GB FPAC's primary responsibility is to provide consistent information flow to all FPUs from and to the FPA Implementation Coordination Group. This information flow also includes the gathering and disseminating of information that will help FPUs implement FPA, training nominations, and dissemination of Tech Tips and other pertinent information from the ICG. The committee serves as a collection point for issues/problems/concerns that are then presented to the GBCG for elevation to the national level as needed.

Responsibilities of the GB FPAC include the following:

- Help coordinate development and revision of interagency Fire Planning Unit (FPU) boundaries, through local FPU teams and neighboring geographic areas if affected.
- Promote consistency between FPUs whenever possible through the development and distribution of tools and aids that do not conflict with agency direction.
- Provide a communications link between Great Basin FPUs and the National level FPA Implementation Coordination Group (ICG) and Core & Development Team (CDT) for successful interagency implementation of FPA.
- Work with interagency fire management to resolve FPU and land managers' issues.
- Develop an Annual Operating Plan each year for the GB FPAC and submit to the GBCG Chair for approval.
- Participate in monitoring of FPA implementation as necessary.
- Develop a certification process and ensure all FPU runs are certified in a timely manner.

V. Communication

The FPA Committee members that represent their respective agency are responsible for ensuring timely communication with their agency at appropriate levels.

Committee meetings and conference calls will be scheduled on an as-needed basis. The Chair is responsible for scheduling these meetings and conference calls. Members may request that a conference call or meeting be scheduled through the Chair as needed. Each committee member or an acting representative is responsible for attending meetings and/or conference calls.

VI. Obligation of Funds

Nothing in this document is intended to obligate funds.

VII. Approval

This charter is effective as of the date of the last signature. The signatories of this Charter are principally comprised of Great Basin Coordinating Group members as they have been delegated this authority through their respective agencies. Some GBCG members have been delegated this authority for several offices/regions. By signing, the signature indicates agreement, and support of the Great Basin Coordinating Group and commitment to the successful implementation of the Fire Program Analysis system within the Great Basin.

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